



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Mario Stevenson

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated September 8, 2003, be extended for three months to and including March 8, 2004.

This Petition is being filed on the same date as a new continuation of the present application.

Enclosed is a check for \$475 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 07917-089002.

Respectfully submitted,

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